

*The Lamb and his day proclaimed.*

**T**He Kingdome of God is at hand, which comes not with observation, is near unto all that will receive it, redemption is coming in a time unexpected, and deliverance in a way not known, as a thief in the dark is the heir come, whose light out of darkness is shining, and that which shineth out of darkness is it alone, that giveth the knowledge of God, whom to know is life eternal; and the brightness of the day of God is springing forth of darkness, as the morning sun is rising out of darkness of the night, and glorious is this day of the revelation of God, to all them that have waited for his coming, who in the life of his power, through the obedience in his love, come to rejoyce in his dominion over all the powers of darkness for ever, and sound forth the dreadful day of his power unto all the inhabitants of the earth, from the which, Christ the Saviour comes to take place, and to bring the sword of Gods judgments into the bowels of all the earthly minded, and in him that judgeth the secrets of all mens hearts, doth his followers rejoyce, and proclaim him unto you all that makes an end of sin, who of the father of love and mercy is tendered unto all that will receive him, that in him who condemns the evil deeds, and sin in the flesh, salvation might be attained unto who now comes unto his own, of whom many receive him not, for he is come to judge the world whom God so loved, that he gave his son the light of the world, that whosoever believe in him (by whom the secrets of all hearts are, and shall be judged) may be saved from wrath to come, and find a sure hiding place, when the wicked shall be cut off the earth.

And now who will receive the Lamb, in whose mouth there is no guile, who among the sons of men will receive him that hath been slain from the foundation of the world, who will receive him that is the gift of God which is perfect, who will receive him that is a man of sorrowes, whose beauty is hid from the prudent of the earth, who will receive him that the Priests cry out against, and the rulers say away with him from the earth, who will come unto the waters of life and return unto the fountain of living mercies, that in his belly the springs of life may be felt: who can endure to follow him to the end of the world, whose kingdome is not of this world, and who receiveth not honour of men, who can hear, receive, and keep the hard sayings, and drink his blood that cleanse from all sin, who is willing to receive him that is the resurrection, and the life, whose presence troubled and terrified his own Disciples, so that their hearts burned within them, who will lay down their Crowns at the foot of him that is the light, and mourn over him that is slain whom they have pierced, and through patience, long suffering, and obedience, follow the one Shepherd in the regeneration even unto them is the word of consolation sent.

Therefore be ye awaked, O all ye rulers and people, let not your hearts be hardened against Gods witness in you, neither stop your ears, nor close your eyes, for of a truth the Lord is at hand, and is come to try you, with his loving kindness and with his judgments. His flock despised of men, hath he sent in the meekness of his love, to preach the innocent life of his son among you, in meekness, patience, sufferings, tribulations, who being reviled, reviled not again, but in patience enduring long imprisonments, yea want and sickness there, and abuses, cruel mockings, floggings in the street daily, and revilings by ungodly persons, whose cruelty is increased, and their sins multiplyed, increasing to the day of judgment, and righteous revelation of Gods wrath upon all unrighteousness of men, who hold his truth in that which is not his righteousness, which is now brought near unto all that fear, before him in uprightness of heart, that truth in the inward parts they might come to know, and in it worship the God of the spirits of all flesh.

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